

**Clean version of amended claims**

2. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 which encodes the amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO:12 from about amino acid residue number 1 to about amino acid residue number 254.

3. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 which comprises the nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:11.

7. (Amended) A recombinant DNA comprising the isolated nucleic acid of any one of Claims 1 to 3 operably linked to regulatory control sequences which can effect expression of said nucleic acid in a host cell.

11. (Amended) A method of producing a recombinant wth3 protein, which process comprises:

- a) culturing the host cell of Claim 9 in a culture medium under conditions suitable for expression of the wth3 protein in said host cell, and
- b) recovering said recombinant protein from said host cell or said culture medium.

12. (Amended) A wth3 protein prepared by the method of Claim 11.